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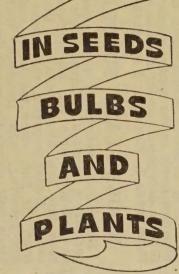


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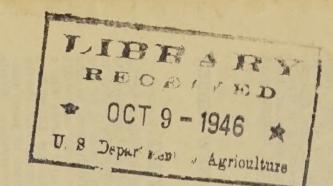
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# AUTUMN RARITIES





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# CONDITIONS OF SALE

SEEDS and other materials are forwarded as ready, and are offered subject to arrival or harvest. Minimum size acceptable order is One Dollar on seeds or Two Dollars on plants and bulbs. Remittance should be by money order where possible. Personal checks will be accepted if 10 cents (not 10%) be added to the amount to cover our costs in connection with them. If actual currency, cash, is sent, register it. All seeds are quoted postpaid, but plants and bulbs are offered for express shipment, collect for shipping charges. If you want plants or bulbs by mail, add to your remittance for postage and mail packing on basis of 5% for shipments to points east of Pittsburgh and north of the Potomac, 10% for points beyond these limits but still east of the Mississippi, and 15% for destinations west of that river. Safe arrival in good, growable condition is guaranteed of bulbs and plants during period from April 15th to November 20th. During the remainder of the year, the general winter season, bulbs and plants are guaranteed as to arrival only, and not against freezing in transit, so if you order bulbs or plants for winter shipment, bear in mind that freezing risk is yours. We shall, though, pack carefully and warmly.

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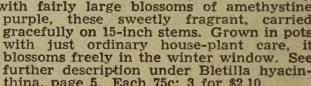
**NEW JERSEY** 

# AUTUMN SEED-SOWING

Seeds of certain hardy perennials, and of many bulbs, shrubs and trees, seem to need a period of exposure to low soil temperatures in order to put them in shape to germinate. The best way to handle such seeds is to sow them in open ground seed-beds, or in cold-frames, in late autumn, October or November, but in regions with mild winters, or elsewhere whenever the ground thaws for a few days, the sowings may continue during December, January and February with excellent results. Of course seeds of house plants may be sown any time of year, usually under glass in a sunny window or greenhouse. Seeds in wide variety are listed in our GENERAL CATALOG, the latest being Offer 45, issued in January, 1946. Old customers will already have the catalog. We shall be very glad to send it to any others upon request.

#### GAY ORCHIDS

Here are two of the easier Orchids, pretty sure to bloom freely as window pot plants. THE SCARLET ORCHID—Brilliant scarlet blossoms in big spray-clusters, lips touched with orange yellow. A gay beauty for any window. Pinch plants back occasionally to keep them bushy. It is Epidendrum Obrienianum, illustrated below. Each \$1.00° 3 for \$2.75. THE HYACINTH ORCHID—A delightful and easily grown Orchid with fairly large blossoms of amethystine purple, these sweetly fragrant, carried gracefully on 15-inch stems. Grown in pots with just ordinary house-plant care, it blossoms freely in the winter window. See further description under Bletilla hyacinthina, page 5. Each 75c; 3 for \$2.10.



# HOUSE PLANT SURPRISE

Delightful amazement here. Seeds of perhaps a hundred different kinds of ornamentals suitable for pot culture have gone into this blend, many of them unusual. Better separate the coarse seeds from the fine, since the latter will need less covering. Also remember that some kinds will germinate much quicker than will others. Sold only in packets at 25c each; 3 for 70c. Delightful amazement here.

#### JACOBINIA CARNEA

This truly handsome pot plant is illustrated in the front cover drawing. The pure pink blossoms with delightfully curled lower petals are carried in dense but graceful trusses, in effect almost airy, never heavy. Jacobinia is not at all common, yet it is a pot plant of easy handling, long-lived, and usually in bloom for some six months of the year. As the plants grow, each branch ends in a new flower cluster. Another name for it, is Justicia magnifica. Plants, each 55c; 3 for \$1.50. (See page 14 for other house plants.)

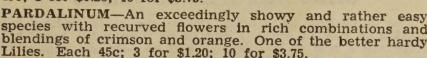
#### THE TRUE LILIES

The bulbs offered are blooming-size stock and should give a very good showing of flowers this coming spring and summer. It must be noted, though, that bulbs of the several species vary considerably in size, some naturally making quite large bulbs, other kinds always relatively small. Lily bulbs should be planted at once upon receipt. ELEGANS GEORGE JOERG—A rather dwarf Lily with large, upfacing flowers of light orange. An attractive kind, of fullest hardiness, easy to grow and to keep. Each 45c; 3 for \$1.20; 10 for \$3.75.

TENUIFOLIUM — Called Coral Lily, though the coloring of the many waxy, recurved blossoms is rather closer to vermilion. Showy and desirable. Each 30c;

CANADENSE—One of the daintier, more graceful Lilies. The flowers are flaring, rather nodding bells that may be yellow, orange or red, always dotted with brownpurple within. Each 40c; 3 for \$1.10.

SUPERBUM — Tall, stately plants that carry pyramidal clusters of exceedingly showy, recurved blossoms in rich and beautiful combinations and overlays of yellow, orange, scarlet and maroon. Each 45c; 3 for \$1.20; 10 for \$3.75.



PARDALINUM—An exceedingly showy and rather easy species with recurved flowers in rich combinations and blendings of crimson and orange. One of the better hardy Lilies. Each 45c; 3 for \$1.20; 10 for \$3.75.

KELLOGGI—The Clematis-scented flowers open pale pink, deepening to lilac. In the past we have maintained plantings of this exquisite Lily at Old Orchard for several years without particular care or difficulty, though it has not been considered one of the easier species. Each \$1.00. been considered one of the easier species. Each \$1.00.



REGALE — Splendid home garden Lily with great, flaring trumpet-flowers, glossily white and wax-like, but rose-suffused in reverse and with lemon tinting deeply within. Perfumed. Each 45c; 3 for \$1.10; 12 for \$3.75. Illustrated opposite.

DOUBLE TIGER LILY—If you have place for vivid coloring, and often there is need for such, then use this Lily. Fine, large flowers, fully doubled, in an intense, but blackdotted, orange scarlet. The only good double Lily, and rightly used this one really is good. No other flower will so gaily brighten a too-green corner. Each 45c; 3 for \$1.20; 10 for \$3.75.

LONGIFLORUM TAKESIMA—True Easter Lily. Immense trumpets of purest, wax-like whiteness, sweetly perfumed. Of full and persistent garden hardiness at Philadelphia. We have open-ground plantings of it at Old Orchard that have stood for more than ten years, and that seem to get better and more beautiful each season. This Lily makes a good pot plant, too. Each 80c; 3 for \$2.25.

MAXIMOWICZI—Easy, desirable mid-summer Lily. Sturdily upright spires of handsome, recurved blossoms in tones of orange, enriched with ruddy shadings and black dottings. Each 40c; 3 for \$1.10.

#### LILIES FROM SEED

Lilies grow quite readily from seeds sown outside in late autumn, germination taking place following spring. Our General Catalog offers seeds separately of some 48 distinct species or hybrid strains. Also we can supply seeds in a general mixture of many kinds at 1/16 oz. for 35c; ½ oz. 60c; ¼ oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.00; ¼ lb. \$10.00. Order as SPECIAL LILY BLEND.

# OTHER SEEDS TO SOW NOW

During the period from late September into December, or even later when soil conditions permit, you can sow to advantage in open ground seed beds or unheated frames seeds of those plants, some hundreds of kinds, that like cool soil conditions before germination. This includes all the species marked in the General Catalog or the Flower Sampler Offer with the cultural key letters "y," "yt," or "kt." Germination will take place next spring, and the plants will get off to an early start.

#### HARDY BULBS AND PLANTS

# For Autumn Delivery

The kinds offered here may, or should, all be planted in the autumn, to blossom the following spring, or, in the case of forcing bulbs, during this coming winter. Usually available, unless otherwise stated, from early September until past the middle of November, but better mention an alternative kind or two on orders sent in after the middle of October, for naturally stocks of some sorts become depleted. Garden hardiness may be inferred, unless statement or implication to contrary appears, but this means hardiness in the climate of Philadelphia, and in colder or more difficult areas a greater or less degree of winter protection, as with straw or leaves, or by other means, may be desirable with some species. with some species.

All bulbs will be the full blooming size natural to that particular kind, but note, please, that certain kinds are always tiny, as Calochortus, Brodiaea and the like, even though their flowers be large. That's the way they are made, and there is nothing we can do about it.

Bulbs and Plants are not prepaid. If you want them by mail, add 5% to your remittance for points east of Pittsburgh and north of Potomac, 10% to the Mississippi, and 15% west of the river. This is to cover postage and packing. We shall assume that shipment is desired by express, collect, if no allowance for postage accompanies order. Winter shipments are safest by express.

BLUE CAMAS LILY-Camassia Quamash. The flowers are carried in loose, informal spikes, and each blossom is a wide, irregular star of soft blue, sometimes deepening to indigo or violet. Plant in small groups through the hardy border, or in great masses. Long-lived and hardy. 24 inches. 10 for 50c; 22 for \$1.00; 100 for \$3.80; 250 for \$8.75.

CAMASSIA LEICHTLINI—Use this splendid larger Camas Lily for spectacular border accents. Grown well, it will reach five feet of height, great showy blossom spikes that remind of Eremurus, filled with big flower-stars in varying tones of lavender, indigo and near-violet. Of full hardiness and long persistence, as easy to grow as any Tulip. 3 for 40c; 9 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.50. Illustrated page 6. TULIP FANTASY—A fantastic beauty in soft rosy pink, the petals deeply slashed. 6 for 75c; 12 for \$1.40.

TULIP BLUE PARROT-Noble flowers of deep blue violet with the deeply cut petals of the Parrot family. Each 40c; 3 for \$1.05; 12 for \$3.75.

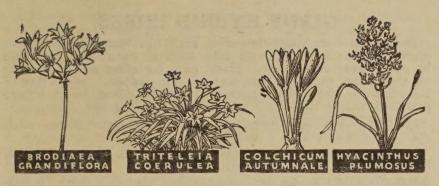
TULIPA KAUFMANNIANA—The Water-lily Tulip. Very early. Wide-spread petals in a blending of cream and rose tones. 6 for 80c; 12 for \$1.45; 25 for \$2.80.

TULIP DARWIN MIXED—The varied rainbow colorings of this fine, tall, late-flowered Tulip strain. 12 for \$1.00; 25 for \$1.90; 100 for \$7.25. (For 62 other kinds of Tulips, all colors and classes, ask for our Special Offer of Holland Bulbs, sent on request.)

BLUE-STAR FLOWER—Triteleia uniflora coerulea. Wide blossoms of china-blue, varying to indigo, each an inch or more across, great multitudes of them for a glorious succession of spring weeks. 8 inches. Hardy without winter protection at Philadelphia, but may need mulching in colder areas. Illustrated page 5. 3 for 25c; 7 for 50c; 16 for \$2.85 colder areas. Illustrat for \$1.00; 50 for \$2.85.

called so because of its airy form and brilliant colorings, is a distinct hardy bulb of high merit, not closely related to the true Tulip. The blossoms range from 2 to 5 inch diameters, fairy lanterns to wide, upfacing saucer-cups. A white, pink-suffused or pale lavender ground is usual, with crimson, mahogany, chocolate or mulberry super-imposed or in contrasting bandings and stainings. Often yellow or all lavender forms appear. Bulbs are naturally tiny, but not the flowers. Pretty hardy when established, but planting should be mulched with straw or leaves first year. 3 for 25c; 7 for 50c; 16 for \$1.00; 100 for \$5.50. Illustrated page 6. trated page 6.

clustered flowers remind in form of Cyclamen. Palest pink to rose. Tolerates sun, but slightly prefers shade. Full hardiness. Rock garden, border, shady corner. Dormant roots. Each 30c; 3 for 85c; 10 for \$2.65,



BRODIAEA BLEND—We like their slender swaying grace, the soft colorings of their trumpet flowers that sometimes are in loose and airy umbels, but that may again be gathered into tight capitate clusters. There will be pure and suffused white, lavender, lilac, mauve, indigo, purple, with others in rosy pink or salmon-toned yellow. Of about same winter hardiness as the Tulip. 12 to 20 inches. Long in bloom. Amazingly pretty. Bulbs always tiny. 3 for 25c; 8 for 50c; 17 for \$1.00; 50 for \$2.55.

BRODIAEA GRANDIFLORA—A hardy and easy bulb flower of much beauty. Radiating trumpets of deep blue-purple crown each slender, foot-high stem. Long-lived. Our fullest recommendation. 3 for 25c; 8 for 50c; 18 for \$1.00. Illustrated above.

CROCUS CLOTH OF GOLD—C. susianus. Golden yellow cup-flowers, feathered bronze-brown outside. Early and free-blooming. 10 for 45c; 25 for \$1.00; 50 for \$1.85. Illustrated next page.

CROCUS CLOTH OF SILVER—C. versicolor picturatus. White cups, the outside vividly feathered with violet. 10 for 45c; 25 for \$1.00; 50 for \$1.85.

CROCUS NATURALIZING BLEND—Good mixture of standard colorings in naturalizing or mass planting sizes. 25 for 60c; 100 for \$2.00; 1000 for \$19.00. For many other Crocuses, ask for our Special Holland Bulb Offer.

BLETILLA HYACINTHINA—Called the Hyacinth Orchid from the hyacinthine coloring of lovely and fragrant blue-purple blossoms. A true Orchid with bulb-like root, fully winter-hardy in the open ground at Philadelphia. In colder areas, protect with straw or leaves. Ready October. Each 75c; 3 for \$2.10.

SUMMER SNOWFLAKE—Leucojum aestivum. A long-

SUMMER SNOWFLAKE—Leucojum aestivum. A long-lived, winter-hardy cousin of Amaryllis with nodding snowy white flowers, each petal oddly tipped olive. Increases to big clumps with time, showier each year. 3 for 35c; 10 for 95c; 25 for \$2.00. Illustrated next page.

ANEMONE CORONARIA MONAPOLI MARCH.

ANEMONE CORONARIA MONARCH MIXED—The flowers are like Poppies in white and in varied tones of blue, light to dark, rose, red. 10 inches. Showy. Mulch well with straw or leaves, or grow in cold frames in very cold areas. Also excellent for cool forcing in pots under glass. 3 for 25c; 10 for 65c; 25 for \$1.50; 100 for \$5.50.

ANEMONE BLUE POPPY—Cup-shaped flowers of rich, deep blue. 3 for 35c; 10 for \$1.00.

ANEMONE HIS EXCELLENCY—Big cups of brilliant scarlet. 3 for 35c; 10 for \$1.00.

RANUNCULUS SPLENDID MIXED—Magnificent double and semi-double flowers on 15-inch stems, straw to gold, orange, scarlet and crimson, with pink tones and others ringed or petal-tipped contrastingly. Shade-tolerant. Recommended for pot culture, but will often winter outside also if protected 3 for 25c; 10 for 65c; 25 for \$1.50.

THE DELIGHTFUL FRITILLARIAS—Dainty exquisites of the Lily tribe, the Fritillarias present no difficulties of culture or of hardiness to the person who succeeds with the ordinary Liliums. PLURIFLORA—Lovely, wide bells of pure, deep rose. Ten inches. Sun, or light shade. 3 for 50c; 10 for \$1.50. MELEAGRIS—Checkered bells in yellow, white, purple, brown. 12 inches. 6 for 25c; 25 for 80c. RECURVA—Flaring, recurved scarlet bells, flecked yellow within. Twenty inches. Light shade. 3 for 50c; 10 for \$1.50. FRITILLARIAS MIXED—The three here, with likely others, all in mixture. 15 for \$1.25; 40 for \$2.60.

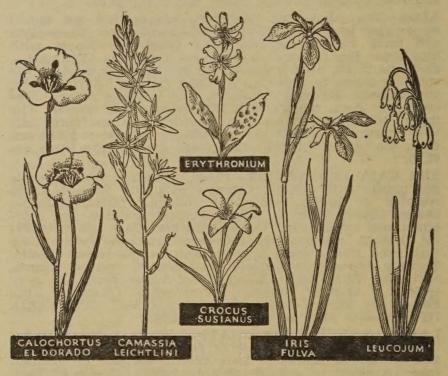
ZYGADENUS FREMONTI—Open panicles of creamy blossoms, each flower with a super-imposed center star of deeper yellow. A profuse bloomer. Of full hardiness. 3 for 35c; 10 for \$1.00.

HARDY STAR OF BETHLEHEM—It is Ornithogalum umbellatum, a fully winter-hardy bulb of considerable effectiveness in the rock garden, or as an edger, and naturalized in grass it will give great spreads of flower-snow, wide and starry white blossoms. 5 inches. 8 for 35c; 25 for \$1.00.

IRIS RETICULATA—This dainty charmer is a true bulb, and perhaps the most delightful of all the bulb-flowers of very early spring. The big, upfacing blossoms, sweetly violet-scented, are of a deep purple-violet, touched with gold. 4 to 6 inches. Hardy outside, or will give winter flowers if forced gently in pots under glass. Each 20c; 3 for 55c; 10 for \$1.50; 25 for \$3.50; 100 for \$12.00.

IRIS ENGLISH MIXED—Exquisite garden and cut flowers, growing from true bulbs. The big blossoms are rich in varied and bizarre rose, red-violet and pansy-purple tones, many of the flowers carrying contrasting color splashings. Of robust habit and great showiness. They like cool soil, so mulch between the plants with grass clippings or the like. Each 20c; 3 for 55c; 10 for \$1.50; 25 for \$3.50.

IRIS DUTCH MIXED—A likeable group of bulb-Irises with Maytime blossoms in orchid reminder. Of full garden hardiness at New York, but in very cold states, protect with straw or leaves. Wonderful for cutting. Color range is rich in russet and bronze tones, with varied blues, yellows, suffused whites. Bedding size bulbs, 10 for 40c; 25 for 85c; 100 for \$3.00.



ERYTHRONIUM BLEND—Dainty lily-blossoms for the shaded corner, spring pleasure for years to come if you plant Erythronium now. Cream, lemon-gold, lavender, purple, rosy pink, all should be there. Size of bulbs here quite variable, according to species. Illustrated above. 3 for 25c; 12 for 85c; 25 for \$1.60; 100 for \$6.00.

MUSCARI ARMENIACUM—This vivid Grape Hyacinth brings deep sky to earth, great spring spreads of soulstirring blue. Splash it about liberally in border and rock garden, or, if you wish, naturalize it in lawn, meadow, orchard or woodland. 12 for 35c; 25 for 65c; 100 for \$2.75. This Muscari also forces nicely in pots for winter window flowers. Larger bulbs for pot culture, 6 for 30c; 22 for \$1.00.

MUSCARI WHITE—Dainty little Grape Hyacinth in pure white. One of the prettier hardy rock garden or naturalizing bulbs. 6 for 25c; 12 for 40c; 25 for 80c; 100 for \$2.75.

CHIONODOXA LUCILIAE—Glory of the Snow. In earliest spring, sometimes while traces of snow are still in shaded places, the lovely blossoms of the Chionodoxas appear, soft skyblue stars with milkwhite centers. Long-lived and hardy, finer each year. 8 inches. 12 for 35c; 25 for 65c; 100 for \$2.25.

TULIPS DOUBLE-FLOWERED — Long-lasting double flowers, massive in Peony reminder, come in brilliant and varied colorings. This is the early-flowering strain, blooming in April. Fine mixture. 12 for \$1.20; 25 for \$2.25; 100 for \$8.75.

TULIPS COTTAGE STRAIN—The blossoms in this tall, May-flowering section have mostly rather long, pointed petals. Valued particularly for the soft and delicate color blendings, tones that appear in no other Tulip group. Mixed colors. 12 for \$1.00; 25 for \$1.95; 100 for \$7.50.



TRILLIUM GRANDIFLORUM—Love-liest of the Trinity Lilies, flowers that open snowy white, suffusing gradually with a pink that deepens to rich rose. It likes shade, but does quite well in sun, given deep, rich soil. Each 30c; 3 for 80c; 10 for \$2.25.

TRILLIUM LUTEUM—Really a yellow Trillium, flowers of lemon and buff. Marbled leaves. Hardy and easy. Each 35c; 3 for 85c; 10 for \$2.40.

SCILLA SIBIRICA—The most tense blue of springtime. 4 inches. For mass effects. 12 for 50c; 25 for 90c; 100 for \$3.25.

MERTENSIA VIRGINICA — The lovely Blue Cowslip, or Virginia Blue-bell. Gracefully arching sprays of blossoms, pink in the bud, becoming lucent blue-sapphire as the flowers open. Early, hardy, long-lived. Tolerates sun well enough, but rather prefers some shade. It but rather prefers some shade. It deserves wide planting. Dormant roots, each 25c; 5 for \$1.10; 10 for \$2.00; 25 for \$4.60; 100 for \$16.50.



# GAY PEONIES

Peonies, Irises, Roses, three successive glories of the spring, and the first of these is the Peony. The Peonies are long-lived plants, and no garden flower is hardier when it comes to resisting winter cold. Each year the clumps become larger and finer. Supplied in standard 2 to 3 eye divisions to 3 eye divisions.

MONS. JULES ELIE—Immense blossoms of silvery pink with hint of lilac rose. Pleasing fragrance. A strong grower and fairly early. Flowers have been known to reach 9-inch diameters. A spectacular cut flower, but unexcelled, too, for garden decoration, or for landscape effects. Each \$1.25; 3 for \$3.25; 10 for \$9.00.

FESTIVA MAXIMA—Splendid early, the fragrant blossoms of full Rose doubleness are snowy white, but always with a few touches of red on the center petals. Each \$1.25.
FELIX CROUSE—A fine bright red of full doubleness. Resistant to heat. A good grower. Each \$1.25.

**DUCHESSE DE NEMOURS**—Excellent fairly early white with touch of creaminess, but without other color. Of the Crown type. Each \$1.25.

ALBERT CROUSE—A lovely soft pink, rarely with touch of crimson. Mid-season. Fragrant. Each \$1.25.

CHERRY HILL—Fine blossoms of deep garnet red, a rich and distinctive shade. Each \$1.50.

PEONY COLLECTION—One each of the six, for \$6.50.

#### EREMURUS OR FOXTAIL LILY

The majestic Desert Lily, with magnificent flower spikes that bear hundreds of bright, star-shaped blossoms in pink, rose, primrose, orange, yellow, copper or white, will grow eventually to a height of four to eight feet. Spectacular in the border. Fully hardy, but winter-mulch with straw or leaves to prevent too early starting in spring. Following kinds can be supplied. BUNGEI—Rich yellow. Each \$1.40. ROBUSTUS—Splendid deep pink. Each \$2.50. HIMA-LAICUS—Tall, flower-packed spikes in creamy white. Each \$1.85. ELWESIANUS—Early soft pink. Each \$2.50. ISOBEL—Melting apricot. Each \$1.90. MOONLIGHT—Pale yellow. Each \$2.50. SHELFORD—Tones of buff orange. Each \$1.40. EREMURUS SEEDS—If you want to grow your Eremuri, you can do so from seeds of our Eremurus Peerless Blend, available at 25 seeds for 20c; 100 for 60c; 250 for \$1.35; 1000 for \$4.70.

### DELIGHT IN BLUE

Three blue-flowered beauties in hardy perennial plants that together pretty well cover the season from spring into autumn. PHLOX DIVARICATA—Great spreads of blue-lavender through mid-spring. 10 inches. Plants, each 40c; 3 for \$1.10. TRADESCANTIA WEGUELIN—Big and pretty sky-blue blossoms from late spring to mid-summer. 18 inches. Plants. each 40c; 3 for \$1.10. CERATOSTIGMA PLUMBAGINOIDES—Lovely Gentian-blue flowers, then attractive red calyces. 10 inches. Summer into autumn. Plants, each 45c; 3 for \$1.20.

#### THE HYACINTHS

EXHIBITION DUTCH—Massive spikes, large bulbs, for growing in pots, in glasses, or in the garden where particularly large, heavy spikes are desired. Available in following separate colors: Light blue, mid-blue, deep blue; soft yellow, orange yellow; soft pink; deep pink, rose carmine and white. Each 35c; 3 of one color for \$1.00; 12 of one color for \$3.60.

BEDDING DUTCH—A smaller size bulb, recommended for garden display. No flower more colorful in its season. Available in white, pink, red, sky blue and deep blue at 12 for \$2.20 each. Also supplied in general color mixture at 6 for \$1.10; 12 for \$2.15; 25 for \$4.25; 100 for \$16.75.

HYACINTHUS CILIATUS (azureus)—Dainty rock garden or bedding species. Blooms very early, here often in March, little three-inch spikes of intensified sky blue. A true Hyacinth, not a Muscari. 3 for 20c; 10 for 60c.

HYACINTHUS AMETHYSTINUS—A delightful alpine Hyacinth from mountains of Spain. Loose spikes of waxy, crispy bells in amethystine blue. Blooms in mid-spring. For the rock garden. 3 for 20c; 10 for 60c; 25 for \$1.25.

HYACINTHUS AMETHYSTINUS ALBUS—Lovely, informal spikes of snowy white bells. 3 for 25c; 10 for 65c; 25 for \$1.35.

THE PLUME HYACINTH—Here are ostrich plumes of blossoms, bowing gracefully with their own weight. The usual bell-shaped florets have their petals finely shredded, curled and crisped until the whole spike becomes a delightful lilac-lavender plume. A rare beauty that attracts always a super-quota of garden exclamation. Not truly a Hyacinth, but instead an aberrant giant Muscari. 6 for 35c; 12 for 50c; 25 for 90c. Illustrated page 5.



# LEWISIA REDIVIVA

Blossoms in suggestion of Waterlilies, pink Waterlilies, from softest blush to a shade so rich and deep that it approaches rose. It grows to only four inches, but the flowers are, for this, of extraordinary size, many open at once in crowded over-lappings. Of fullest, winter-hardiness if the tubers are kept from frost - heaving damage during the winter months. By the way, tubers will seem limp and flabby when they arrive, but that is their nature, just as they should be during this, their resting period. 3 for 35c; 10 for \$1.00; 60 for \$5.00. Illustrated opposite.

#### LILY OF PERU

That is an old name for the Alstroemerias, though it fits none too well as to geography for they come from other South American countries, also. They are gay beauties, brilliant in blossom colorings. Fairly hardy, too. At Old Orchard we carry them over in the open ground, have plantings more than ten years old, just by giving them a good straw mulching. In colder areas a thicker mulching would be needed, or they can be dug in autumn and carried over packed in sand in a cellar. They make good pot plants, too. We can supply seed of mixed species at pkt. 20c; ¼ oz. 90c; 1 oz. \$3.40. Roots of the following are available: AURANTIACA—Great clusters of golden orange, the inner segments splashed crimson. 3 for 80c; 10 for \$2.25. LIGTU—Daintiest of Alstroemerias, with blossoms that may be blush, rose, orange-toned pink, or even flame color. 3 for 80c; 10 for \$2.25. PULCHELLA—Parrot Lily. Four-foot stems are topped with whorls of uneven trumpets in rich red, always with emerald green tip. Long in bloom. 3 for 70c; 10 for \$2.00. ALSTROEMERIA OFFER—3 each of the 3 above, with names, for \$2.00. 10 of each for \$6.00.

#### BULBS OF A RARITY

Here are a few of the rarer bulbs and bulb-like plants. It should be noted that these are of diverse nature, some winter-hardy for the garden, others intended only in the north for pot culture in window or greenhouse. Please read the descriptions carefully. Also stocks of some of these are none too large, so we suggest giving a few alternates, particularly if you order late in the season.

ALLIUM KARATAVIENSE—A most attractive and interesting species. Very wide leaves of metallic, glaucous appearance, rather red-tinged. Dense, wide clusters of little pink-white flowers. 12 inches. Fully hardy, but sometimes also grown in pots. Each 40c; 3 for \$1.10; 10 for \$3.25.

ANEMONE BLANDA ATROCOERULEA—Lovely tuberous Windflower from the mountains of Greece that blooms at first possible spring moment. Blossoms of deep rich blue violet. Mulch with straw or leaves in winter. Each 25c; violet. Mulch with straw or leave 3 for 70c; 10 for \$2.00; 25 for \$4.75.

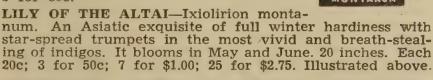
ARUM ORIENTALE—Exceedingly rare and most unusual decorative Arum Lily from northern Persia. Large "flower" spathes of steel-blue coloring. Grows to three feet. Said to be hardy, but we have not yet had opportunity to put it to the outdoor winter test. Tubers, each \$2.00; 3 for \$5.75. CORYDALIS HALLERI. In conficet

CORYDALIS HALLERI—In earliest spring come racemes of flowers in rich, rosy purple. Foliage fernlike. Rock garden. 8 inches. Attractive and unusual. Tubers, each 25c; 3 for 70c; 10 for \$2.00; 25 for \$4.75.

CYCLAMEN ATKINSI MIXED—A winter—

hardy Cyclamen, blooming in early spring, flowers pink, rose or white, foliage white-marbled. Plant it for delightful surprise in the rock garden. Tubers, each \$1.00; 3 for \$2.75.

CYRTANTHUS LUTESCENS—The Ifafa Lily. Little waxen trumpet-flowers of glossy yellow. A tender bulb for easy winter pot culture, blooming long and freely in late winter, and repeating the performance year after year. Each 30c; 3 for 80c.



FRITILLARIA IMPERIALIS ORANGE BRILLIANT—Crown Imperial. The spectacular giant of the Fritillarys. Whorls of large bell-flowers in ruddy orange on stout stems 25 to 35 inches high. Bulbs each 75c; 3 for \$2.10. Of full winter hardiness.

HABRANTHUS BRACHYANDRUS—In spring come lovely trumpet flowers of pure, deep pink. A tender bulb, for pot culture, but easy to grow and bloom. Each 25c; 3 for 70c; 10 for \$2.00.

HERMODACTYLUS TUBEROSA—Fingers of Hermes or Serpent Iris. Erect, somewhat campanulate flowers, green without, but velvety black on the upfacing, reflexed "petal" blades. Foliage like Iris. Winter hardy. 18 inches. A weird beauty. Bulbs, each 25c; 3 for 70c; 10 for \$2.00.

OSTROWSKIA MAGNIFICA - Caucasian Bellflower. This stately plant may reach four to five feet. The blossoms, wide bells of soft lilac, are often four inches across. It grows from a long and thick tuberous root and is of good winter hardiness if planted firmly in a fully dry, always well-drained position in full sun. Better put some straw over it in winter in areas colder than New York and Philadelphia just to be on the safe side. Tudelphia, just to be on the safe side. Tuberous roots, each \$1.50. Not more than 2 to a customer. Illustrated opposite.

LYCORIS AUREA—A golden beauty in the Amaryllis relationship. Umbels of rather open, funnel-shaped flowers in a deep, waxy golden tone. A beautiful thing, but can be handled only in pots under glass in the north. It makes leaf growth during the winter. In spring the foliage dies down, and the bulbs remain dormant until the blossom stems suddenly appear in August Unlike most bulbs with a resting season, this in August. Unlike most bulbs with a resting season, this one should be watered as often when dormant as when growing. Bulbs, each \$1.25; 3 for \$3.50.

MUSCARI COMOSUM—So different that one would scarce believe it a close cousin of Grape Hyacinth. The flowers are carried in tall, openly spaced spike-racemes, sometimes to 20 inches, little bells, each on a lengthened horizontal pedicel. The lower flowers are always brown-olive, the upper ones blue-violet. Full winter hardiness. 5 for 35c; 10 for 60c; 25 for \$1.30.

MOSCHATUM FLAVUM-Nutmeg Hyacinth, called so from the odd, sweet fragrance. Loose racemes of somewhat tubular bells that open purple, but soon become soft pale yellow. Full hardiness, but should always have a position in full sun. 3 for 50c; 10 for \$1.40.

# NARCISSUS or DAFFODIL

Delight of spring are the Daffodils, pleasure in garden or vase. All here are fully hardy at New York. EMPEROR—Giant trumpet, perianth primrose yellow, trumpet rich yellow. 6 for 70c; 12 for \$1 25; 25 for \$2.45. MRS. E. H. KRELAGE—Giant trumpet. Perianth pure white, trumpet creamy white. 6 for \$1.00; 12 for \$1.85. SPRING GLORY—Giant trumpet. Perianth of clear white, long trumpet of deep yellow. 6 for \$1.00; 12 for \$1.85. KING ALFRED—Giant trumpet. Richest golden yellow throughout. 6 for 95c; 12 for \$1.80; 25 for \$3.50. FIRETAIL—Short cup. Perianth ivory white. Frilled cup golden orange, edged orange scarlet. 6 for 85c; 12 for \$1.55. JOHN EVELYN—Short cup. White perianth, lemon yellow fluted cup. 6 for \$1.00; 12 for \$1.85. ORANGE GLOW—Short cup. Soft yellow perianth, frilled orange cup. 6 for 85c; 12 for \$1.55. ACTEA—The best Poeticus. White perianth with scarletmargined yellow cup. 6 for 95c; 12 for \$1.70; 50 for \$6.40. CHEERFULNESS—Double. Creamy white clusters. 6 for 80c; 12 for \$1.40. HOLLAND GLORY—Double, rather like a smaller, soft yellow Camellia. 6 for \$1.00; 12 for \$1.85. TWINK—Double. Primrose yellow with orange center petals. 6 for \$1.15; 12 for \$2.10. GERANIUM—Poetaz cluster-flowered. White with scarlet cup. 6 for 95c; 12 for \$1.70. LA FIANCEE—Poetaz cluster-flowered. White perianth with orange-red eye. 6 for 95c; 12 for \$1.70. L'INNOCENCE—Poetaz cluster-flowered. White perianth with yellow eye. 6 for 80c; 12 for \$1.40. SPECIAL NARCISSUS OFFER—Six each of the above 14 kinds, separate labels, for \$11.80. for \$11.80.

NARCISSUS SPLENDID MIXED—Winter-hardy Daffodils in a widely varied mixture of colorings and types, covering pretty well the range of Narcissus possibilities. Wonderful for cutting, or will make a beautiful showing in the garden, in beds, or naturalized. 10 for 60c; 25 for \$1.35; 100 for \$5.00; 250 for \$12.15; 1000 for \$47.50.

#### WINTER NARCISSUS BLOSSOMS

These two are for winter window or greenhouse blossoms, not hardy out of doors. They force easily.

NARCISSUS PAPER WHITE—Perhaps the easiest of all bulb-flowers for indoor winter blooming. Clusters of snowy white, richly fragrant blossoms. Will bloom within a few weeks when planted in pebbles and water, or may be potted in soil. Make successive plantings of them every three weeks from the middle of October to the middle of March and you can have continuous flowers all winter long. 5 for 50c; 10 for 90c; 25 for \$2.10; 100 for \$8.00.

CHINESE SACRED LILY—Really a Narcissus, relative of the Paper White, to be grown in same way and just as easily and quickly. The fragrant flowers are creamy white with soft yellow centers, and are carried in big clusters. 5 for 50c; 10 for 95c; 25 for \$2.10.

#### PLANT PERENNIALS NOW

About all of the various hardy perennial plants listed in our General Catalog and in our Flower Sampler Folder may be put out in autumn just as well as in spring, and September and October are good months as to temperature for both shipping and transplanting. Put out in autumn, perennial plants will get off to a good start as soon as the soil is warm in spring, and will give fine show of bloom in your rock garden or border. Please, though, give an alternate choice or two on your order for perennial plants, for by autumn some few of the kinds in the General Catalog are likely to be sold out. To the extent that stocks remain available. General Catalog No. 45 and Flower Sampler Offer No. 45S remain in effect until January, 1947, and we shall be glad to have any orders that you may make up from them.

# A HARDY PERENNIAL GARDEN

Here are desirable hardy perennial flowering plants for the permanent cutting garden, the mixed hardy border, the old-fashioned formal garden or the rock garden. Many of them, too, are suited to foundation, screen, bedding or cover planting. Mostly long-lived and enduring. For many others, see listings in our General Catalog No. 45.

DIANTHUS ALLWOODI—Perfumed flowers in great masses, colorings pleasing, widely variable. Single to double. Delightful fragrance. An English strain, Carnation crossed on Clove Pink. 12 inches. Plants, each 40c; 3 for \$1.10.

ASTER SPECTABILIS—Lovely, informal blue-violet flowers of quite surprising size. Shade tolerant. 24 inches. Plants each 40c; 3 for \$1.10.

COREOPSIS VERTICILLATA—The lovely Fern-coreopsis is both long-lived and non-spreading. Finely cut foliage, buff-roseate in new growth, becoming green. Attractive butter-yellow flowers. 30 inches. Plants each 45c; 3 for \$1.20.



CALLIRHOE INVOLUCRATA — Two months of gorgeous coloring, glowing, wine-crimson cups. Thrives in sun and drought. 10 inches. Illustrated opposite. Plants, each 35c; 3 for \$1.10; 10 for \$3.25.

PHLOX SUBULATA—Sometimes called Mountain Pink. Spring pavements of brilliant blossoms over mossy foliage mats. Six plants, one each of six distinct color forms, with names, for \$2.15.6 inches.

SILENE WHERRYI—In spring the plants are thick, wide cushions of purest pink. 8 inches. Plants, each 40c.

SANTOLINA VIRENS—Handsome foliage mounds like dense cushions of brilliant emerald feathers. The flowers show as cream-colored buttons, carried in masses well above. Plants, each 40c; 3 for \$1.20; 10 for \$3.65. 20 inches.

TEUCRIUM CHAMAEDRYS WINTER-HARDY—A very satisfactory Teucrium strain that is far more resistant to winter cold than the stock usually offered as Teucrium Chamaedrys. Wide, low informal growth of shining green foliage, long set with short spikes of lilac-pink flowers. Rock garden, edging, bedding. Unprotected plants of this strain have not shown any sign at all of winter damage over a period of years. Plants, each 40c; 3 for \$1.10; 10 for \$3.35. 10 inches.

KNIPHOFIA CORALLINA—Tritoma or Redhot Poker. Many dense spikes of bright coral red. A most attractive hybrid that has proved fully winter-hardy at our nursery. 28 inches. Plants each 50c; 3 for \$1.35.

VERONICA CORYMBOSA—Mid-blue flowers in many upright spikes are set closely over dense foliage pancakes. Excellent rock garden or edging plant. 9 inches. Plants each 40c; 3 for \$1.10; 10 for \$3.35.

HIBISCUS NEW AVALON HYBRIDS—A new hybrid strain, distinct in flower-form, foliage, season, plant habit and blossom coloring from the more usual Mallow Marvels. The flowers mostly have a hint of bell shape, and vary from pale blush, though tones of pink and rose that may show rotate stainings of darker coloring, to reds of a rich depth and vividness never before seen in hardy hibiscus. Particularly long blooming season. 60 inches. Plants, each 45c; 3 for \$1.25; 10 for \$3.65.

GENTIANA PHLOGIFOLIA—A prodigal abundance of medium-size blossoms in deep blue. An easy, hardy beauty that will thrive in any garden. 12 inches. Plants, each 40c.

GERANIUM SANGUINEUM—Long, gay blossoming in a tone that is usually close to blood red, but this hardy Himalayan species is quite variable in flower coloring, height and habit. Sun or shade. Foliage becomes glowing red in autumn. Height 12 to 30 inches. Plant divisions, each 40c; 3 for \$1.10; 10 for \$3.25.

POTENTILLA WARRENSI—Blooms in a massed brilliance of rich and shining gold. Upright, to 18 inches. Plants, each 40c; 3 for \$1.10.

## BULBS FOR THE WINTER WINDOW

It is really not a very difficult matter to have winter window flowers, that is if you will not try to rush them too much, and will follow the directions in the leaflet that we send out with each lot of bulbs for forcing.

AMARYLLIS GIANT HYBRIDS—No more spectacular pot bulb than this. Magnificent Lily-like flowers that may be rose, scarlet, crimson, all one color, or splashed against white. Mixed only, each 65c; 3 for \$1.80; 10 for \$5.25.

EUCHARIS GRANDIFLORA—Lily of the Amazon. Waxen blossoms, pure white, sparkling, formed in suggestion of Daffodil. Sweet perfume. Handle as a pot bulb, giving ample water, and keeping away from too much sun. May be brought into bloom several times each year by giving a short semi-rest, with scantier watering between each bloom-burst. Bulbs available all through year. Each \$1.25; 3 for \$3.50.



VELTHEIMIA VIRDIFO-LIA—A rather easy and certainly satisfyingly spectacular, pot bulb for winter bloom. From nests of glossy, crispy foliage rise, on 20 inch stems, massive flower trusses of rosy pink with buff shadings and cinnabar tones. The big bulbs ripen off after flowering, but will bloom again each winter for many years, so this is truly a long-time investment in pleasure. Each 65c; 3 for \$1.80; 10 for \$5.40.

NARCISSUS PAPER WHITE—See page 10.

CHINESE SACRED LILY—See page 10.

LEUCOCORYNE IXIODES
ODORATA — A Chilean
exquisite from Andean
foothills that is called
Glory of the Sun. The
18-inch stems each carry
several large and starry
blue flowers with undulate petals and white centers. The flowers are

pleasingly fragrant, long-lasting. The bulbs respond readily to winter forcing, though this should be on the slow, cool side. 3 for 35c; 9 for \$1.00; 25 for \$3.00.

TRITONIA CROCATA MIXED—Exquisite, sparkling pinks, soft salmons, apricot, flaming orange, scarlet. Blossoms of satiny sheen, carried in graceful sprays. As easy as Freesia, and to be handled in just the same way. 4 for 25c; 9 for 50c; 19 for \$1.00.

TRITELEIA COERULEA—Blue-Star Flower. Perhaps the quickest, easiest and longest blooming of any bulb that can be forced for winter flowers. It is hard to fail with it. Multitudes of inch-wide, upfacing blossoms pretty much all winter, from pale china blue to near indigo. Garden-hardy, too. 3 for 25c; 7 for 50c; 16 for \$1.00. Illustrated page 5.

FREESIA DOUBLE WHITE — Fragrant blossoms, large, snowy, double. 3 for 25c; 7 for 50c; 16 for \$1.00; 35 for \$2.00.

FREESIA RAINBOW BLEND—Many there are who call this the loveliest of winter bulb-flowers, with its sprays of intensely sweet wax-trumpet blossoms in snowlest white, pink, rose, lilac, lavender, carmine tones, primrose, golden, blue, violet and the like in many a rich shading or dainty suffusion. It is near to being the easiest and surest when it comes to forcing, too, though Triteleia and some others might challenge the claim. This is a splendid, large-flowered strain. Plant Freesias liberally. 4 for 25c; 9 for 50c; 20 for \$1.00; 50 for \$2.00.

ALLIUM NEAPOLITANUM—A desirable and really beautiful forcing bulb that has long been appreciated abroad at its full good worth. Clusters of flowers in snowiest white, centered with dark stamens. Small bulbs, use at least 3 to a pot. 3 for 25c; 10 for 70c.

LACHENALIA AUREA-Considered the best of Lachenalias. Beautiful pendulous flowers of golden yellow, about 25 of them to a stem. Makes a more than usually satisfactory winter pot plant. Handle like Freesia. 3 for 60c; 10 for \$1.50.

THE WEDGEWOOD IRIS-This delightful bulb-Iris forces rather readily, and makes a different and beautiful winter bulb-flower. The big blossoms come in a purest Wedgewood blue. 3 for 35c; 10 for \$1.00.



ORNITHOGALUM ARABICUM—The handsome Arabian Star of Bethlehem. Rather broad clusters of pure white flowers with black-olive centers. Excellent pot bulb. Also will often winter outside in middle states if well mulched. 3 for 35c; 9 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.60.

ORNITHOGALUM THYRSOIDES—Chinkerichee. When it comes to winter window flowers, this is one of the more sure and easy bulbs, and stays in bloom, too, for a long time, flowers opening over a period of many weeks. Blossoms are purest white, fragrant, and the elongating truss-clusters are filled with them. 3 for 40c; 8 for \$1.00

MOREA POLYSTACHYA—Big, open sprays of blossoms, shaped like giant butterflies, are carried on thin, wiry stems. Soft mauve, marked with rich Parma violet. Force slowly, gently. 2 for 35c; 7 for \$1.00; 25 for \$3.00.

OXALIS VARIABILIS ROSEA—A charming winter bulb, as near to overblooming as any may well be. Plants like densely foliaged cushions, set with short-stemmed blossoms that are, for an Oxalis, of truly immense size, these in rich, clear pink, deep-centered with creamy primrose, petals undulate. 6 for 25c; 25 for 90c.

OXALIS CERNUA—Bermuda Buttercup. An easy winter bulb of profuse, long-continued floriferousness. Rich, golden blossoms are carried in graceful, arching sprays. 6 for 25c; 25 for 90c.

OXALIS HIRTA—A pretty semi-trailer from South Africa, just right for hanging baskets or boxes. Sprays of rather frondlike foliage, covered with little rose-red flowers. 6 for 25c; 25 for 90c.



SPARAXIS BLEND—Big blossoms, well-carried, several open at once. The brilliant, widely inclusive colorings, often in contrasting zonings, include lavender, lilac, cream, yellow, salmon, orange, and scarlet.

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BABIANA AZURE BLUE — Lovely flowers in the purest and most intense of blues, rather like a vivid blue Sparaxis, and to be handled in the same way. Easy for winter bloom. 3 for 25c; 9 for 50c; 19 for \$1.00.

OTHER FORCING BULBS—Other kinds, listed elsewhere in this Offer, that force satisfactorily for winter pot flowers include Iris reticulata, the Dutch Irises, the Muscari, the Dutch Hyacinths, most of the Daffodils, the True Easter Lily, Cyrtanthus, Habranthus, etc.

WINDOW BULB OFFER—We will send 10 Paper White Narcissi, 1 Veltheimia, 20 Rainbow Freesias, 7 Triteleias, 4 Tritonias, 3 Wedgewood Irises, 4 of Sparaxis, 3 Ornithogalum araticum, 6 Oxalis cernua, and 6 Oxalis variabilis rosea, 65 bulbs in all, with names, enough for more than a dozen pots of winter window beauty, for FIVE DOLLARS if ordered as WINTER WINDOW OFFER. Total of separate values, \$5.95.

#### THE CALLA LILIES

The Callas make excellent pot plants, long in bloom. WHITE CALLA—Fragrant, purest white, waxy. Each 40c; 3 for \$1.10. PINK CALLA—Zantedeschia Rehmanni. From faint blush suffusions, through pure pink, to deep rose, varying plant to plant. Alluring. Rare. Each 60c; 3 for \$1.50. BLACK CALLA—The Sable Arum. Within, velvety black-maroon. Outside olive. Decorative. Each 65c; 2 for \$1.25. GOLDEN CALLA—Brilliant, shining yellow, thick and waxlike. Should be forced rather slowly. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00. CALLA OFFER—One each of the four for \$1.80. Note that Callas can usually be supplied all winter, save the Black, which is rarely available after December.

#### DESIRABLE POT PLANTS

Here are attractive plants for the window garden, the sun-parlor or the conservatory. Many of them have other uses, too; in the porch or window box, or perhaps for bedding, or as summer fillers in rock garden or border, but primarily most of them are house plants. They are shipped packed in damp moss, and safe arrival in good, growable condition is guaranteed during the period from early April to late November. Through the remaining four months of the year, the winter season, shipments can be made only when customer accepts the risk of freezing in transit. We shall, however, endeavor to give frost-proof packing during the winter months, and in general winter shipments by express are fairly safe. Plants are supplied in young stock, in sizes suitable for safe packing and easy transit. They will soon grow into fine specimens.

ACRODON BELLIDIFLORUS—A delightful little pot plant that is in bloom through much of the year. The blossoms are rather like those of Bellis, the petals soft pink, shaded rose at the tips. Triangular, succulent leaves, recurved and spreading. Plants, each 40c.

FUCHSIA—Pendant "eardrop" flowers in many lovely colorings, often contrasting in the same blossom. Free and easy bloomers. Four varieties. GIANT PINK—Large double flowers in two blending tones of salmon pink. Each 45c. PRIDE OF ORION—Sepals deep rose, near to red, corolla pure white in striking contrast. Each 45c. BLACK PRINCE—Sepals rich rose, corolla dark purple. Particularly vigorous and easy. Each 45c. SPECIOSA—Free-blooming. Long "eardrop" flowers in two shades of pink. Each 45c. FUCHSIA COLLECTION, one each of the four, with names, for \$1.60.

ABUTILON SOUVENIR DE BONN—Flowering Maple or Chinese Bell-flower. Handsome, bell-shaped flowers of vivid orange. Decorative, too, in foliage, each deep green, maple-shaped leaf carrying a wide margin or edging of pure white. Easy to handle. Plants, each 60c.

KALANCHOE—Altogether pleasant and easy plants for pot culture FEDTSCHEN-KOI—Madagascar Beauty. A desirable window plant. Leaves thick, roundish, blue-silvery, with red-crenate margins, or sometimes purple shadings. Pendulous flowers of rose with coral and amber tones. Plants, each 35c; 3 for \$1.00. MAR-MORATA—The leaves are thick, scalloped ovals, smoothly gray-green, with contrasting marblings of brown-purple. The long-tubed flowers, carried in clusters, are of waxen whiteness, expanding at the narrow trumpet ends into four-pointed stars. Each 40c. VERTICILLATA—Slender pencils of leaves, marbled chocolate on pale roseate olive, are carried on tall



long-tubed flowers, carried in clusters, are of waxen whiteness, expanding at the narrow trumpet ends into four-pointed stars. Each 40c. VERTICILLATA—Slender pencils of leaves, marbled chocolate on pale roseate olive, are carried on tall stems, these becoming crowned with a circlet of fairly large bell-blossoms that shade from pinktoned orange to orange scarlet. Illustrated opposite. Plants, each 35c. TOMENTOSA—Panda Plant. Rather large and thick ovoid leaves are gray-downy almost to the point of furriness. About the edge of each leaf is set a series of contrasting deep brown dots or small spots. This odd, decorative foliage plant is both interesting and beautiful. Plants, each 50c. OFFER 110A36—One plant each of the four Kalanchoes for \$1.45.

EUPHORBIA SPLENDENS—Crown of Thorns. A long-lived and attractive pot plant with many well-leafed, thick and spiny stems that will twine about stakes or a tiny trellis placed in a pot, in many an intricate twisting. The "flowers," in many small clusters, are brilliant orange scarlet, and the plants, year around, are rarely without them. Plants, each 50c.

FERN BOSTON COMPACTA—For single pot specimens no Fern surpasses the Boston, and in this particular strain of the Boston the growth is more dense and compact, so better suited to limited spaces. A fine Fern. Each 45c.

DROSANTHEMUM SPECIOSUM—Showy Dew-flower. Produces great quantities of 2-inch flowers in brilliant redorange. It can be gorgeous. Attractive foliage. Each 40c.

ARDISIA CRENULATA—No better pot plant for brilliant berry effects. Little fragrant flowers are followed by clusters of brilliantly red berries that remain showy for months. Plants, each 40c.



BELOPERONE GUTTATA—Shrimp Plant or Dwarf Chuperosa. Inflorescence with showy red-brown bracts, closely imbricated in gracefully drooping form. Makes an interesting pot plant for window garden or greenhouse, and careful pinching and training will produce well-branched, bushy specimens. Plants, each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

BILLBERGIA NUTANS—The Tricolor Flower. Delightful pot plant, illustrated opposite. Pretty pendant blossoms in tricolor effect, the bracts bright red, the petals green edged with vivid blue. Requires less light than most other pot plants. A Brazilian epiphyte, making little root. Easily handled. Each 40c; 3 for \$1.10. 3 for \$1.10.

IRESINE HERBSTI—Brilliantly colored and easy foliage pot plant. The leaves are richest red to crimson, with markings of velvety maroon. Also suited for outside summer use in manner of Geranium. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

MOREA IRIDOIDES JOHNSONI—This beauty handles easily as a pot plant. Big Iris-formed flowers to four inch diameters, pure white with wide yellow patch at petal base, and just a touch of blue on inner segment. Each blossom remains open for about three days, and established plants will have many blossoms. Good single-crown divisions, will have each 75c.

LANTANA—The Lantanas make showy and rather easy pot plants, throwing their brightly colored trusses of Verbena-like flowers in both summer and winter. We offer three sorts. GOLDEN KING—Wide trusses of rich golden yellow. Each 40c. SENSATION—Here the trusses are soft pink. Each 40c. RADIATION—Compact clusters of bronze-orange flowers. Each 40c. One plant each of the three Lantanas for \$1.10.

ACALYPHA SANDERI—Chenille Plant. A most striking plant and easy to grow. The flowers are carried as long, trailing ropes of compact red fluff, rather like certain Christmas decorations. Each 45c.

HEREROA NELII-Elk's-horn Plant. Rosettes of strange, outspraying leaves in form that simulates the horns of an Elk or a Moose. Rather showy, fluffy flowers of brightest yellow. Illustrated opposite. or a Moose. of brightest or brightest yell Plants, each 35c.

CHINESE HIBISCUS DOUBLE CRIMSON—Tender species with big double flowers of rich red. Excellent large pot or tub plant. Each 55c; 3 for \$1.50.

IMPATIENS SULTANI MIXED—Sultan's Balsam. Delightful long-bloomers for the semi-shady corner, the porch or the east window. Translucent stems. Flowers in many bright colorings. Young plants, each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

ENGLISH IVY—A selected form for pot culture, with rather small leaves, close, short branchings and a compact growth. English Ivy is winter-hardy in the Middle States and may be used also as outdoor ground cover or in rock gardens. Young plants, each 40c; 3 for \$1.10.

MOTHER-OF-PEARL PLANT—The graceful branches end each in great rosettes of thick and succulent leaves that seem to have been carved from mother-of-pearl in all its pink-hinting, translucent glossiness. Graptopetalum paraguayense. Each 30c; 3 for 85c.

ASPARAGUS FERN—Asparagus plumosus nanus. Masses of dense, lace-like foliage in brightest green. Airy, nearhorizontal fronds arch gracefully from upright plants. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

BEGONIA INDIAN MAID—A most handsome variety that tends to keep in almost continuous bloom. Flowers of salmon-toned red are carried over foliage of richest mahogany coloring. Plants, each 40c; 3 for \$1.10.

FAUCARIA TIGRINA—Called Tiger's Jaw from the thick, triangular, opposed leaves, edgeset with interlocking teeth. Big, fluffy yellow flowers. An attractive plant, well grown. Each 35c.

CHLOROPHYTUM ELATUM—Walking Anthericum. Decorative pot plant with rosettes of pointed, white-striped leaves and sprays of little white flower-stars, the same plants bearing also, high in air, baby plants like the parent. Finally the flower-stems arch over and the new passenger-plants take root. Plants, each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.



STAPELIA HIRSUTA-A strange, but altogether decorative house plant of easy having in any sunny window. Many having in any sunny window. Many thick, upright, leafless stems of soft, downy green. Big, furry star-flowers, to 5-inch diameters, in tones of cream, brown and purple. Illustrated opposite. Each 45c; 3 for \$1.15.

GERANIUM ZONALE—This is the Geranium of the home grower or the florist, but technically Pelargonium hortorum. The Geraniums of this section are dedesirable and handsome pot plants, flowering long and freely in any sunny window. They are also often planted outside in summer. We offer four fine varieties of the Springfield series. All of them have fully double flowers of fine form, carried in heavy trusses. SPRINGFIELD PINK—Pure pink, deep and glowing. SPRINGFIELD CRIMSON—A rich, tone of velvet crimson. SPRINGFIELD ORANGE—Big full blossoms of an orange that approaches scarlet. SPRINGFIELD WHITE—Heavy trusses of snowy white. UNIFORM PRICE, young plants of mailing size, 5 to 7 inches high, each 45c; 3 of one kind for \$1.25. Or order as OFFER 87A36 and we will send one plant each of the four, with labels, for \$1.65.

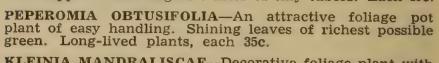
GERANIUMS IVY or TRAILING—The Ivy Geraniums (Pelargonium peltatum) have thick, shiny, crispy leaves of Ivy form, and attractive flowers of distinctive shape. They are naturally of a drooping or slightly trailing habit of growth as particularly fitted for hanging baskets, wingrowth, so particularly fitted for hanging baskets, window boxes, urns and the like, or they may be used for bedding. IVY DOUBLE RED—Showy, a most brilliant scarlet. Each 40c. IVY DOUBLE PINK—Large rose pink flowers, with maroon marking on upper petals. Each 40c.

STRAWBERRY GERANIUM—An attractive old-fashioned window plant of the Saxifrage family (Saxifraga sarmentosa). Decorative foliage, the thick leaves red below, white-veined above. Open sprays of small but pretty white flowers, dotted with yellow and scarlet. It gets the "Strawberry" part of its name from the habit of making strawberry-like runners. Hanging baskets, porch boxes, etc. Each 40c; 3 for \$1.10.

MARICA GRACILIS—One of the less usual pot plants, with Iris-shaped flowers of waxy white, the reflexed inner segments bright blue, the petal bases brown-chestnut. Each lovely, fragrant blossom fades at day's-end, morning usually bringing another in its place. New plants are produced from the tip of the flower scape that eventually arches over and roots. From this, called Walking Iris. Illustrated opposite. Plants, each 75c.

PASITHEA COERULEA — A Chilean beauty for pot culture in an east window of a cool room. High sprays of starry flowers in the deepest and richest of blues. A showy plant, even the old, closed flowers retaining their depth of coloring. Long-lived, but foliage disappears during the summer resting period, and plant is then supplied as a tangled cluster of tiny tubers.

Each 40c.



KLEINIA MANDRALISCAE—Decorative foliage plant with leaves like fat pencils of dusty near-blue. Rather good, and needed for form and color contrast. Each 40c.

GARDENIA VEITCHI—A tender evergreen shrublet that bears a long succession of sweetly perfumed, large and double Camellia-like blossoms, pure white and with thick, waxy petals. Grown as a pot or conservatory plant. Nice young plants, each 65c; 3 for \$1.80.

SANSEVIERIA LAURENTI—Decorative foliage plant with thick upright leaves of sword shape, bright glossy green, but yellow-edged and with white crossbars. Easy and long-lived house plant that will thrive under adverse conditions, including even scanty light. Plants, each 40c.

KAFFIR LILY—Schizostylis coccinea. Blossoms of vivid, scarlet-toned crimson in late autumn. Near-hardy, but usually grown as a pot plant north. Young, single-crown plants, each 45c; 3 for \$1.20.

GAZANIA—Handled as a pot plant Gazania starts blooming in late February, and gives a constant showing for many months of big daisy-flowers that vary from lemon to deepest orange, usually with a serrated zoning of redbrown or blue-black. Full sun. Long-lived. Each 35c.

PLUMBAGO CAPENSIS—Clustered flowers of brilliant azure blue, but varying at times to pale blue suffusion, deep indigo, or pure white. Illustrated opposite. A desirable pot plant, blooming long and freely, or may be set in outside border for the summer. Plants, each 40c.



OLEANDER—The Oleander or NERIUM is an old-fashioned plant of both interest and beauty. We offer a variety with fully double flowers of rich pink, foliage evergreen. The Oleander is grown in the North as a large pot or tub plant, set outside on open porch, terrace or lawn for summer blooming, and wintered in light cellar, cool greenhouse or the like. Young plants, 7 inches up, each 90c; 3 for \$2.60.

OSCULARIA DELTOIDES—A rather good hanging basket or porch box plant, a trailer with deltoid, succulent leaves and rose colored flowers. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

ALOE—The Aloes are long-lived plants that get handsomer year by year. BREVIFOLIA—Pearl Aloe. Deep-piled and thick rosettes of triangular pearl-gray leaves with blue tone. Red flowers. A good one. Each 40c. CILIARIS—Here the thick, deep green leaves are widely spaced on the straying stems in quite un-Aloelike fashion. A free, easy, and colorful bloomer, blossoms like bunches of red fire-crackers. Each 40c. VARIEGATA—Partridge Breast. The thick, triangular leaves are marbled and margined silvery white on darkest green. Tubular, orange-red flowers. Each 40c. ALOE OFFER—One plant each of the three for \$1.10. \$1.10.

THE EASY ECHEVERIAS—Three attractive and desirable pot plants with curling racemes of pretty flowers above rosettes of crispy, succulent foliage. DERENBERGI—Dense, silvery rosettes, each succulent, pointed leaf margined and tipped red. Orange flowers. Each 35c. MULTI-CAULIS—A distinctively different Echeveria with many thick red stems, each topped with a rose-toned rosette. Flowers red-orange outside, soft yellow within. Plants, each 35c. ELEGANS—Called Ghost-flower from the eery look of it at dusk. Rosettes silvery white. Charming little flowers of apricot tone. Plants, each 35c. ECHEVERIA OFFER—One plant of each, 3 for \$1.00.

LAMPRANTHUS EMARGINATUS—Pretty half-trailer for hanging basket, porch box, or pot culture. Thick, tapering, triangular leaves of pale green. Flowers of brilliant rose. A plant of considerable horticultural merit. Each 40c; 3 for \$1.10.

CRASSULA ARGENTEA—Jade Plant. The thick branches are set with heavy leaves of jade-like sheen and coloring, becoming silver-flaked when dry. Rose-toned flowers, but grown chiefly for ornamental foliage and form effect. Makes handsome specimens, eventually of quite large size. Each 40c; 3 for \$1.10.

CRASSULA CULTRATA—Pleasing foliage plant, the thick, green leaves, each turning to a different angle, giving a whirling illusion. Plants, each 35c.

CRASSULA PERFORATA—Called String of Buttons, or sometimes Pagoda Plant. The thick, rounded leaves seem to have the slender stems threaded through them. Pink flowers. Desirable for boxes or hanging baskets. Plants, each 40c.

CRASSULA TETRAGONA—A Chinese pot plant with thick, spikelike leaves of deep emerald green in miniature Pine-tree effect. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

AEONIUM HAWORTHI—A rather good pot plant from the Canaries. Each of the several short, crooked branches ends in a rosette of thick, delta-shaped leaves, these all of a rich succulence, and of a finish as of silver powder over a blue-green glossiness. Eventually come panicles of little rose-flushed yellow flowers. Plants, each 40c.

AZALEA—'The Kurume Azaleas make splendid house plants, blooming freely in late winter and early spring. We offer 4 sorts, as below, at each 55c, or all four for \$2.00. PINK PEARL—Soft pink. HINODEGIRI—Vivid scarlet. SNOW—Purest white. CORAL BELLS—Rose.

PHILODENDRON CORDATUM—This graceful foliage plant is a semi-trailer or low vine with heart-shaped leaves of glossy green. Will grow in north windows, or even in water-filled wall vases. Each 35c; 3 for 85c.

# GIANT HYBRID IRISES

Here are the large-flowered Hybrid Bearded or "German" Irises that, through late spring, paint our gardens in such glorious color. They can be planted any time of the year that the ground is not frozen. We offer a selection of the better named sorts, supplied in standard plant divisions that will soon spread into good clumps.

ALLURE—Exquisite blendings of rich, creamy tones with soft lilac. Each 30c; 3 for 80c.

ALLUWEE—Standards bronze yellow; falls near red, with bronze tone. Fine. Each 35c.

AMBASSADEUR—Large flowers in blended rich tones, fawn, lilac, chestnut. Each 30c; 3 for 80c.

AMERIND—Standards buff with coppery lavender suffusion; falls fawn, netted brown violet. Each 35c; 3 for 95c ANDREW JACKSON—Standards violet; falls velvety violet maroon. Effect rich. Each 40c.

ASIA—A buff-tinted silvery lavender deepens to violet. Cinnamon scented. Each 30c.

AVALON SNOW—Large flowers of purest snowy white, undulate and with slightly reflexed edges. Golden beard. 20 inches. No Iris nearer to absolute white. Each 75c.

BLUE BANK—Bright blue-violet. Free bloomer and increases well. Particularly good for mass effects. Each 25c; 3 for 65c; 10 for \$1.75.

BLUE VELVET-Standards rich blue; falls dark, velvety blue-purple. Each 35c.

CAMELIARD—Splendid flowers of buff yellow, suffused with mauve and wine tones. Each 30c.

CARDINAL-Standards mauve; falls velvety red-violet. Each 50c.

CANDLE LIGHT—Pale lavender with buff suffusion, golden chestnut reticulations at fall base. Each 30c.

CHARTIER—Standards white; falls pale dove-gray, near to white, with a few brown pencilings at base. Each 35c.

CHURCH MOUSE—Reflexed, undulate standards of mauve-toned fawn; falls brown-suffused fawn. Each 40c.

CITRONELLA—Standards cream with gold suffusion at base; falls stained and reticulated brown-maroon. Each 35c.

CLARA NOYES—Soft yellow, melting into pink with hint of orange. Reminder of Talisman Rose. Each 35c.

COPPERSMITH—Standards deep lavender with edges suffused buff; falls mauve purple with basal chestnut striations. Each 40c.

CRIMSON KING—The crimson of the ancients that we now call Tyrian purple. Each 30c; 3 for 75c.

DARIUS—Medium size flowers of vivid coloring, bright yellow, marked brown-maroon. Each 25c.

DESERT DAWN—Dawn-glory blendings of yellow and lavender, golden yellow at the centers, lavender at the edges, the two melting into each other. Each 50c.

DOGROSE—A beauty. Pale lilae pink standards; falls of soft pink-mauve. Each 40c.

DOLLY MADISON—Standards buff over 'avender; fapure lavender with orange beard. Each 30c; 3 for 80c.

DOXA—Big flowers in an unusual shade of soft, creamy olive. Each 30c.

EDGEWOOD-Standards pink-mauve; falls rosy violet with chestnut radiations. Each 40c.

ELIZABETH EGERBERG—Large flowers. Standards lavender; falls soft mauve-violet with chestnut basal reticulations over cream. Each 35c; 3 for 95c. Standards lav-

EUPHONY—Standards undulate, deep yellow with buff-brown edge; falls buff-cream, overlaid with violet striabrown edge; faltions. Each 30c.

EVOLUTION—Standards dove fawn; falls blue-lavender, becoming buff at edges, chestnut at base. Each 40c.

FLAMENSCHWERT—Standards silvery, with hint of lavender; falls maroon-violet with edging of creamy gray. Each 30c; 3 for 80c.

FLAMING TOPAZ—Medium size flowers of soft violet with buff-rose suffusions at edges. Each 50c.
FRANCHEVILLE—Flowers large. Standards buff fawn; falls velvety purple, buff at edges. Each 40c.
FRIEDA MOHR—Very large flowers. Standards undulate lilac; falls mauve violet. Each 35c; 3 for 95c.
FRIVOLITE—Standards of buff-tinged lilac pink; falls rose pink. Very good. Each 75c.

GIANT CHEREAU—Mme. Chereau in a giant flower. Each 50c.

GLOWING EMBERS—Standards violet; falls velvety maroon with creamy basal marking. Each 40c.

GOLDEN FAUN—An exquisite. Standards dove color with suffusions of lilac and yellow; falls golden fawn with buff basal blotch. Each 75c.

GOLD DICTATOR—Standards soft yellow, becoming golden at base; falls creamy yellow, deeper at edges. Golden beard. Each 50c.

JEAN SIRET—15 inches. Standards golden yellow; falls buff and olive. Blooms freely in early spring, and again in late autumn. Each 35c; 3 for 85c.

KING TUT-Rich red-brown, glowing in sunlight like a live coal. Each 40c.

KLAMATH—Flowers large. Standards incurved, mid-blue; falls violet with tone of mulberry. Each 40c.

LA CORREGE—Standards pale violet, with buff suffusion at edges; falls velvety maroon, rich and dark. Each 40c. LORD OF JUNE—Flowers large. Standards sky blue, undulate; long falls of a shade deeper blue, formed like flowing banners. Each 30c; 3 for 80c.

MAGNIFICENT—Standards bright rose violet; falls rich Tyrian purple. Fragrant. Each 35c; 3 for 95c.

MAJESTIC—Large flowers. Standards mid blue; falls velvety blue purple. Each 35c; 3 for 95c.

MARQUISETTE—Standards lilac, falls maroon with tone of rose at edges. Good. Each 30c.

MERCUTIO—An attractive bizarre. Standards pale yellow to golden yellow; falls creamy white with scattered stipplings of brown-purple. Each 35c.

MIDGAARD—Pastel blendings in lilac, pink, buff and apricot. Lovely under artificial light. Somewhat ruffled. Each 50c.

MME. CHEREAU—High flowers of pure white are vividly lace-edged with bright blue, both standards and falls. A most attractive kind that should be planted in quantity. Each 25c; 3 for 70c; 10 for \$2.00.

MEPHISTO—Dark and rich. Standards deep blue violet; falls a velvety purple that approaches black. Each 50c.

NARVIK—Standards white, but with greenish buff suffusions toward base; falls white with faint blue striations. sions tow Each 35c.

NEW REGENT—Standards brown-buff with hint of violet; falls velvety maroon over cream. Each 45c.

NIGHT STORM—Blendings of dove, lilac and brown-toned maroon in attractive, if somewhat somber, effect. Each 50c.

NYMPH-Fine, free-flowering yellow. Each 35c.

OMAHA-Standards rose with tawny buff suffusion; falls red violet. Each 35c.

PACIFIC-Splendid blossoms that are all of a deep blue, near to indigo. Each 40c.

PAULINE—Standards near sky blue; falls slightly deeper. Free blooming. 20 inches. Each 25c; 3 for 70c.

PINK SATIN—A glistening, brilliant pink tone, perhaps closer to pure pink than in any other Iris. Each 60c.

PINK OPAL-An altogether lovely lilac pink. Each 45c. PLUIE D'OR—Standards creamy yellow, falls pale yellow, both deepening to gold at base. Each 45c.

QUAKER LADY—Standards dove gray; falls soft lilac-lavender with basal netting of golden brown. A demure beauty. Free blooming. Each 35c.

RAMESES—Standards coppery buff with violet shading; falls lilac rose with apricot beard. A fine, distinguished flower and a vigorous grower. Each 40c; 3 for \$1.05.

REDWING—Large flowers with standards of buff-toned rose and falls of rich maroon. Each 40c; 3 for \$1.05.

RHEIN NIXE—Standards creamy yellow with vivid purple splashings; falls blue violet with picotee edge of cream. Each 35c.

SANTA BARBARA-Large flowers that are near to pure sky blue. Each 40c.

SENSATION—Big blossoms of rich cornflower blue, the falls with slight violet suffusion. Each 45c.

SHERWIN WRIGHT—Standards golden yellow; falls soft

SHERWIN WRIGHT—Standards golden yellow; falls soft yellow. An easy, free-blooming yellow. Each 30c; 3 for 80c. SPARK—Standards deep rose with buff tone; falls velvety black-maroon. Each 30c; 3 for 80c. TAJ MAHAL—Vigorous, large-flowered sort with standards that might have been carved from white marble. The falls are silvery white with faint blue veinings. Each 30c.

VANITY—A striking Iris all season through, each leaf being cream-white for half its width, the usual green on the other half. Since the foliage is good, profuse, heavy, erect, the effect is most decorative, whether in specimen clumps, or as an edging. The flowers are good, too, the standards sky blue, the falls lavender. Each 75c.

VEILED LADY—Not only a delightful and unusual bizarre, but a really beautiful flower. White blossoms are all netted, veiled and dotted with ruddy brown. Vigorous and greatly floriferous. Each 35c; 3 for 80c.

VENUS DE MILO—Large flowers of excellent substance. Standards purest white; falls enamel white except for hint of cream at base. Each 75c.

VERT-GALANT—Large and vigorous. Standards copper-fawn; falls maroon, lightening to fawn at edges. Each 50c. WHITE KING—Fine sort, pure white save for faint brown striation at fall base. Each 35c.

ZAHAROON—An unusual English sort in blending of amber, fawn and pale violet. Very good. Each 40c.

ZUA—The large flowers of palest blue seem to be made of crinkled silk. Very early. Fragrant. A delight. Each 40c.

#### UNUSUAL SPECIES IRISES

The botanical or species Irises are quite unlike the cultivated garden hybrids, but often even more beautiful. Here are a few of the better. FULVA—Bronze copper to red copper. Illustrated page 6. Each 40c; 3 for \$1.10. GIGANTICOERULEA—Purest blue. When established will produce giant flowers on very tall stems. Each 60c; 3 for \$1.50. VERNA—Dainty dwarf Iris of earliest spring. Deep blue, gold-marked, violet scented. Each 45c. IRIS TECTORUM ALBUM—Japanese Roof Iris. Purest white with touch of gold. Each 50c. TECTORUM BLUE—Loose sprays of large blue flowers, undulate, and with white crests. A charming species. Each 45c; 3 for \$1.20. MONNIERI—Tall, late-blooming species with large flowers of soft yellow, shaded golden orange. Each 45c; 3 for \$1.20. OCHROLEUCA SPECIOSA—Like last, but blossoms white with a golden splash on falls. Each 55c. TRIPETALA—Handsome late-blooming species with big, flattened flowers of rich velvety purple. Each 40c. VERSICOLOR ROSEA—Lovely blossoms of mauve rose. Each 45c. PSEUDACORUS CREAM PRIMROSE—The name describes the delicate flower coloring. Each 40c. VINICOLOR—Attractive blossoms in a unique wine or grape-stain tone. Each 45c. IRIS SPECIES OFFER—One plant each of the 11 species here described, with names, for \$4.40.

# SHOWY CACTUS FLOWERS



Among the showier of flowering house plants are certain of the tender Cactus species. All are easy in a sunny window. EASTER-LILY CACTUS—Big, bright blossoms in pink, rose or white, come in easy profusion, sometimes a flower as large as the whole rest of the globe-shaped plant. Echinopsis Hybrids, illustrated opposite. Mixed colors, plants, each 40c; 3 for \$1.10. THE CHRISTMAS CACTUS—Zygocactus truncatus. Handsome flowers, rose-salmon to red, come in early winter, often beginning about Christmas. Tangles of odd, flat branchings. Plants, each 50c. NYCTOCEREUS SERPENTINUS — Showy, fragrant flowers, three inches across, blush-suffused white within, rose-tinted without, are carried on cylindrical stems of bright green. Each 50c. EPIPHYLLUM HYBRIDS—Perhaps the showiest of all house plants, no exceptions, is the Epiphyllum in full bloom. Magnificent blossoms in varied colorings. We offer unrooted cuttings only at each 40c or 3, all different, for \$1.00. NIGHT-BLOOMING CEREUS—Selenicereus MacDonaldiae. The blossoms come in spring, opening at night, great snowy white flowers that have been known to reach 15-inch diameters. Young single-stem, 5-inch plants, rooted cuttings, at each 50c; 3 for \$1.40. FLOWERING CACTUS COLLECTION—One plant each of the five above for \$2.00.